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### Our Stake in Reparations

Developments in the Senate have shown that there is practically no opposition to the peace terms imposed on Germany. Hostility to the treaty proper centres on the Shantung provisions, which impose terms not on Germany but on China, one of the Allies. The covenant of the league of nations doesn't directly concern Germany. It is objected to because of the conditions which it imposes on the United States.

The articles of the treaty meting out penalties to Germany, if they could be voted on alone, would be approved by the Senate without a division. The United States is ready to consent to them. Germany is preparing to work out her sentence under them. But she cannot go far in that direction until a reparation commission is appointed.

The United States ought to have a representative on that commission. The public here would undoubtedly view the appointment of an American reparations commissioner, to serve provisionally, as a matter of mere routine, properly within the discretion of the President. The technical objection has been made that no American appointments to commissions or boards which are to supervise the execution of the German terms are permissible until the treaty as a whole has been ratified by the United States. But that is a merely formal prohibition. Acting commissioners, with limited or temporary functions, could be named by the President on his own initiative without doing much violence to the conventions. It is understood that Colonel House has been informally cooperating for some time past in organizing the machinery of the projected league of nations, although the creation of such an organism still

awaits the approval of the Senate. Whatever happens to the covenant will hardly affect the body of the treaty dealing with Germany. The treaty will go into effect, so far as Germany and the Allies are concerned, when two more of the major Allied powers have ratified it. The reparations commission has no connection with the league. It will handle commercial interests of the United States. We ought to have a voice in its decisions. And an appointment made now would be of much greater value in safeguarding our material interests than one made many months hence, after the disputed portions of the treaty have been passed on by the Senate.

### Work in the Vineyard

The Globe is fearful lest this country may dishonor our heroic dead, "who gave their lives in the hope, now in danger of being lost [italics are ours], that this would be the last of such wars."

Let our neighbor refresh its spirit and compose its apprehensions. There is a better chance now than three or six months ago of getting a league of peace. With the general acceptance of the reservation principle, with which it appears The Globe is now in accord, the covenant promises to be ratified, thus saving what is good in it. If at the same time there is created a League of Three to give the rather astral soul of the covenant a body with which to function, the result should satisfy the aspirations of mankind. To these ends real believers in the principle of "never again" should labor, desisting the while from all attempts to make

counterfeits pose for true bills. .The peace treaty and the covenant (with safeguarding reservations) and the energy-applying alliance of the Three would doubtless by this time be ratified if at Paris and here effort had not been worse than wasted in attempts to jam through a programme which in many ways was childish, in others not contributive to the purpose pretended to be sought, and which it was early foreseen could not secure indorsement, and which, if it had, would have had a most limited mefulness-would have been a motor without a carburetor, or without gaso-

lene in its tanks, or without even a tank. The duty now before us is to hitch nower to the covenant, and this can be done, and only be done, under existing elreumstances, by adhering to the League of Three, which ought to be a League of Five, and which in the end, as fast as confidence develops, should be a League of Forty. The inert covenant machinery, if its devisers show themselves susceptible of education and are willing to cease from folly, may be regarded as reasonably safe. Propaganda zeal should now devote lightly to getting something

that will move the piston and revolve the wheels. The man who does not see this may scarcely qualify as a real peace leaguer. He may be sincere, but is wofully lacking in faculties of perception and should devote a few hours to reflection and to taking an account of his ideas. The Tribune has been laboring for some months at getting a league of peace, and gladly welcomes its neighbor if it purposes to become a worker in the vineyard.

#### The French Elections

France will elect a new Chamber of Deputies next October. The new body which the war has caused. It will be a vastly different assembly from the one which in August, 1914, was forced sud- anthem is a good thing to leave alone. Its denly to accept responsibility for the conduct of the war.

The present Chamber was elected on peace issues. It was strongly Socialistic in tendency and inclined toward pacifism. The German peril compelled all factions to drop their differences and unite to save the nation. The "sacred union" of parties was formed and remained effective during the greater part of the struggle. There was a lapse into weakness and factionalism in the dark year of 1917. But Clemenceau's accession to power restored unity and vigor.

Since the armistice the impulse to unity has been undermined. The Clemenceau ministry has many foes, open and hidden. Possibly only the pressure of public opinion has kept the Chamber from voting out the present government. The notice of a general election two months hence may now delay a reorganization of the Cabinet.

French party alignments are difficult to follow. A bloc composed of the more moderate elements is now in control. But whether the war has made the French electorate more moderate or more radical remains to be seen.

France is to go back, apparently, to the system of large electoral districts, abandoned in a hurry in 1889 in the hope of checking the Boulangist movement. Each Deputy now represents a small constit- | to-day sawing firewood at Amerongen, tem of apportionment goes under the name of scrutin d'arrondissement. The system to be readopted is called the are to be created, with many Deputies to | According to the German papers this be chosen on a general ticket, after the warrior has composed a new grace before manner in which our Presidential elec- meat-or shall we call it meat-ersatz?tors are chosen. The French Parliament has been working for some months on the details of the election law. The advocates of a change believe that representation by large districts will attract nominees of better calibre than the present parochial system does.

France, like every other European country, is going through a period of political unrest and transformation. But an expression of the popular will is unimpeded. And power is concentrated to a high degree in the popular branch of nearly a year after the armistice, will ideas govern France, after her great victory and her terrible national trial.

### Tinkering an Anthem

Meddling with a national anthem is a difficult business, and England has approached "God Save the King" with a duly tentative and hesitating hand, admirable letters to the editor without be- naturally lead it to exhaust every method of problems involving the economic and Criticism of the old song (that Henry ing struck on the way by a whole column Carey probably did not, after all, write) has been frequent of late years. It culminated in a new version sung recently | all forced to decide for ourselves in these for the first time at a thanksgiving ser- critical times, and nothing should be done vice in St. Paul's attended by the King and Queen. The original first verse has puzzled minds of The Tribune editorial been preserved; for the other two, sub- | page. stitutes have been written "with his majesty's approval." The name of the author is not given. The "tentative" re-

vision runs thus: God save our gracious King, Long live our noble King, God save the King!

Send him victorious, Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us, God save the King!

One realm of races four. Blest more and ever more, God save our land! Home of the brave and free, Set in the silver sea, True nurse of chivalry, God save our land!

Kinsfolk in love and birth From utmost ends of earth, God save us all! Bid strife and hatred cease, Bid hope and joy increase, Spread universal peace. God save us all!

It will be seen that the scattering of the King's enemies, together with the lines' touching politics and knavish tricks, have been abandoned in favor of the empire and its seaward look. As for the new last verse, the most that can be said of it is that it is not much weaker than | prohibition is forcing the expensive "chow the original. There is sense in this comment of "The London Times" upon the whole project:

"The anthem-for it is now almost worthy of that name is at length perhaps more in accordance with the refinement of an age remarkable for its avoidance of vivid colors and loud language. But it is to be noticed that there is in it less about the King and more about ourselves, and even the natural scenery of our domicile, than before; and our taste and sense of congruity will have ultimately to decide whether this mixture of motives is calculated to make the same direct appeal as the former single one. There is still much to be said in favor of the old form, which made the King, in this song, as in more solemn supplication, stand for

his people. "For our part, we have never understood the supposed popular discontent with the

the latest reviser on the tact and gentility of his effort, we still retain a preference for the hearty, if ruder, original."

There can be an emotional quality to a hymn in praise of the "people." Our own "America" has much to be said for it on this score. There is an admirable modern hymn, "Lord, Save Thy People," more stirring and more outspoken. But the revised version of the British hymnal seems an unfortunate mingling of two conceptions. It begins with the King as head and symbol of the state; and then switches to the land itself. The original hymn had the clear merit of sticking to one point of view and gaining all the will reflect the reactions in political life force that comes from an outspoken

The moral is strong that a national anachronisms become harmless through lapse of time; its overtones of patriotic emotion grow with the years.

A German Grace Time was when the hosts of German clergymen, anointed ministers of Gott, were mobilized to do duty in the intellectual poison gas department of the imperial German army. Theirs was the task to make the German people forget the Nazarene teachings, to keep the flames of bloodthirst burning and to administer communions of hatred. There was the celebrated Pastor Vorwerk whose paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer holds easily the world record for blasphemy through the ages:

"Though the warrior's bread be scanty, do Thou work daily death and tenfold woe unto the enemy. Forgive in merciful longsuffering each bullet and each blow which misses its mark. Lead us not into the temptation of letting our wrath be too tame in carrying out Thy divine judgment. Deliver us and our ally from the infernal enemy and his servants on earth. Thine is the kingdom, the German land; may we, by aid of Thy steel-clad hand, achieve the power and the glory."

But where are the snows of yesteryear? On November 11, 1918, Gott was emobilized. His lieutenant on earth is uency-one much smaller than an Amer- and Pastor Vorwerk and his colleagues ican Congress district. The existing sys- are probably pretending to the best of their ability that they never said a word. And in the stead of the militant pastors we find a German admiral-Dick by scrutin de liste. Large electoral districts | name-turning to the writing of prayers.

"Dear Lord, we pray Thee let a strong Germany arise again. Fill us with moral force, to work for the Fatherland. Give success to German work and grant that

we regain our empire." "O quæ mutatio rerum!" O what changement of things!

### Unpsychological

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Such a pleasure to see F. P. A. removed from the editorial page! Long may the legislature. The election, coming he remain in some remoter part of the paper! It is not that there are not often demonstrate strikingly what political (I have no doubt) amusing things in his daily contribution, but the plan of too many of the newspapers-a plan that originated in Chicago-of having a whole silly joke column in the very middle of the most important page is unpsychological to the last degree. In The Tribune especially, to make it impossible for the eye to pass from the admirable editorials to the often mostly silly jokes is a misfortune. There mendously important questions that we are to interfere with the proper effect upon L. M. N.

New York, July 23, 1919.

### Give It a Trial

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: "Farmer" says the "help quit by clock time." He carefully avoids the question which no other farmer has ever answered, namely. What is to prevent putting the help to work an hour later? Then, of course, they would quit at the same time

The trouble with almost all of these people is that they are unwilling in their lifelong adherence to habit and custom to give the "daylight saving" scheme a fair and intelligent trial. BORN ON A FARM. New Haven, Conn., July 25, 1919.

### What Is Ability?

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Your editorial on "Minds" (July 21) was much enjoyed. After reading it several business men readers of your paper started a discussion on "What Is Ability?" Ability in one man does not appear to be the same quality in another. The men referred to and myself would appreciate an editorial on "What Is Ability?"

W. W. HEIDELBAUGH. Lancaster, Penn., July 23, 1919.

### The Eternal Show

(From The Kansas City Star) New Yorkers who are worried because shows" out of business will subside. The shows may disappear, but the eats will remain, and there will be new millionaires each day to devour them, and a new millionaire attacking new things to eat is always a good show.

### Still Safe

(From The St. Louis Republic) Those who think that the arrival of the R-34 is sufficient to prove that the United tates is in danger of an air invasion from Europe should reflect that about the first thing she did when she sighted the American shore was to wire the United States navy for help.

### Poland's Job

(From The Pittsburgh Gazette-Times) The Allies made Poland a nation, and now all she has to do is to lick the Germans, the Bolshevists, the Ukrainians, the historic version, and while complimenting | Lithuanians and the Czechs.

## China Excepted

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: There seems to have been some avoidance of going into details, or perhaps only a general lack of information, concerning the industrial aspects of the Prov-

ince of Shantung. This promontory and province contains four important coal fields, several important iron deposits and an abundance of coolie labor. The German railroad concession covers the entire province and is an exclusive one. No other lines can be built to tap the coal or iron deposits. The mining concession covers the entire province and is also exclusive.

The province is the most densely populated portion of China. The struggle for mere existence is keen. Day wages are on the literal basis of a "living wage " practically the equivalent of a handful of dry rice a day. Heretofore Japan has somewhat lacked coal and iron, but she is now supplied with what has been called "the cheapest coal and iron in the world." Their possession raises her from the position of a local power to that of a dominating Pacific power. It is said that there is an official report in a Washington department on the mineral resources of

If the league of nations be adopted, and if it safely guarantees to all profound peace through an indefinite future, then one can but feel that the peaceful development of her arts and manufactures thus afforded Japan is matter of general gratification-the Chinese possibly excepted. CHARLES STEWART DAVISON.

Chairman Board of Trustees, American, Defence Society. New York, July 25, 1919.

### "Montfaucon Blunder"

Sir: Major R. S. Allen, of the 59th Coast Artillery, is certainly entitled to thanks

and appreciation of his courage for uncovering the truth, so carefully hidden from the men whose sons and brothers were sent to an unnecessary slaughter by incompetent higher officers, not of the Guard or Plattsburg schools, either. Will somebody from "over there" clear

up the Montfauçon blunder and massacre? I have it in writing from an unimpeachable French general, a wearer of the Cross of Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor, who served in the first battle of the Marne at Verdun, that our infantry was sent to the attack at 3 p. m. at Montfauçon unassisted by tanks, heavy cannon or barrage. The slaughter was terrific, but our un-

equalled soldier carried the day, paying by his blood for the correction of his superior's incapacity, lack of study and stupidity. Who was the general? Was he called to account? What became of him?

Who from "over there" will give us the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, about what took place at Montfaucon, assaulted and captured by unprotected and unuided "doughboys"?

M'COSKRY BUTT, Brigadier General N. G., N. Y. New York, July 25, 1919.

### The Home of the Diamond

(From The San Antonio Express) The United States is not especially important as a producer of precious stones, but it is regarded as the world's best market for some of them, notably the diamond. The United States Geological Survey has estimated that about half the diamonds in the world are owned in the United States, and that their value is more than \$1,000,000,000. This country's interest in diamonds would prospecting in an effort to discover diamond mines in the United States, but, while many is not too much same discussion of the tre- diamonds have been found, no diamond field worth commercial development has been dis-

> The Public Loses Again (From The Chicago Tribune)
> Labor to-day is stealing old Vanderbilt's

### Youth, Riding

MY MOUTH shall be red and my check be red, My hair shall be gold upon my head, My laugh shall be new as the first laugh

My heart shall be clear as a pool unstirred; I shall never grow old and change.

I shall be all that is wild and strange; All that sets the thought aglow

To have, to snatch, to glimpse, to go, To hear, to snare, to make, to know. I shall be what is beyond the white Horizon's line, and what the night Holds in its lips for the tired to hear. I, who am youth, shall be always dear, Those are slaves alone who choose. We who wish may have life to use.

All that are old have need to fear. They shall not cumber And keep the earth for a place to slumber. I am youth, and I come alone. I will pull you from your throne, I will pull you from your place, You who are staid and calm of face. I look within you and I see Well you have need to shrink from me, I am a rebel, and I ride Wherever there are things to hide; I pull them into the light and slay All that is old and mean and gray. I shall snatch, I shall seek, I shall find, too, and shall destroy. I am youth, I am youth, I am joy.

soul. It can wake in her the long needed Ruthless to myself and the weak, activity and stir great desires. It can put Tireless to tear and build and seek, life into this withered Russian soul, shape I shall not shrink from a lonely land it and develop initiative in it. Or grope with my hand for another hand Or a staff to hold. Like those who cower

Only my own heart I hear. Only my own strength I heed. I have no lack, I have no fear, I have no need.

And like those who are old.

I shall yet kill evil, I Who am youth and cannot die MARY CAROLYN DAVIES.

# The Nature of Labor

ABOR can never take charge. Why? In | shall not be found where parables are , numbers it includes nearly all of us: moreover, it has become educated; its conditions of life have been bettered; it has developed a class consciousness; its whole progress has been astounding. True, it never has been able to rule in the past, but, with all things changed, may it not be able in the future to rule? It would nature. And it is on this very point that the forward-looking materialists mislead; they do not see that, although the status of labor has been changed, its position lifted up, its strength increased, its out-

will be in the end. Men who work with their hands cannot at the same time work with their heads; those who are mining coal and tending machines cannot direct the mine or the

look broadened, yet the nature of labor re-

mains as it was in the beginning and as it

This is no new theory or prejudice; it was set down in shrewd analysis two thousand years ago-perhaps there has never been any better summing up of labor's limitation than that contained in Ecclesiasticus: "How can he get wisdom that holdeth the plough, and that glorieth in the goad, that driveth oxen and is occupied in their labors, and whose talk is of bullocks? He giveth his mind to make furrows; and is diligent to give the kine

So the carpenter and every workmaster, so the men who cut and grave seals, so the smith sitting by the anvil, "the noise of the hammer and the anvil is ever in his ears, and his eyes look still upon the pattern of the thing that he maketh;" so the potter, turning the wheel and cleaning the furnace-"all these trust to their hands, and every one is wise in his work." But, the son of Sirach shrewdly observes: "They shall not be sought for in public counsel, nor sit high in the congregation; they shall not sit on the judges' seat, nor understand the sentence of judgment; they cannot

anese or else with German money,

and the counter revolution is supposed to

be made with Cadet or else English money.

Where, then, are our far-famed conscious-

ness and idealism, our famous devotion to

a cause? Where are all the legends about

our faithful fighters for freedom? Where

are the Don Quixoterie and all the beauti-

ful qualities of the Russian people which

have been celebrated by word of mouth

Stop and think, men. While you are accus-

ing one another of all possible baseness you

are at the same time accusing the entire

I believe that I write simply and plainly

enough and that no intelligent workmen

will charge me with "treason to the cause

of the proletariat." I consider the working

class a powerful cultural factor in our dark

peasant country, and I wish the Russian

workmen with all my heart full development

along moral and physical lines. I have said

more than once that industry is one of the

most important bases of our culture; that

vation of our country and its lifting up to

European standards. I have repeatedly

argued that the factory worker is not alone

a physical but a spiritual asset; that he is not an instrument of somebody else's will,

Upon this difference in activities rests the

We Russians are a people that have

never worked as freemen. The Russian

people has not had the opportunity to

The people's commissaries look upon Russia

as material for experiments. The Russian

people to them is like the horse which the

days of blood and wine debauches.

the people's commissaries.

nature at the disposal of men.

I also love my Russia.

crat within the democratic movement.

and in writing, in song and in story?

Is it possible that all these are a lie?

spoken." Ruskin thought that it was merely physically impossible that one class should do, or divide, the work of another. Sirach was wiser; the inhibition is not physical so much as mental: "he setteth his mind

to finish his work." Let any one test it for himself; let him were it not that labor nature is still labor | dig up his vegetable garden or paint his garage door and think at the same time; as the physical movements become mechan ical the mind runs into a kind of blank. Shakespeare might have dug Ophelia's grave with an actual shovel instead of with the blade of his fancy, but not one word of that noblest comedy scene would have come into his head whilst he was digging. Schiller might himself have cast a great bell, but he could not, as the molten metal flowed, have been busy with the sounding phrases of "Die Glocke."

The guest at Amerongen is denuding the forests thereabout; chopping no doubt gives him exercise, but more, it stops the processes of his thought, and that is, we imagine, a blessing toward which the late

partner of God eagerly reaches. . . Not only will labor's management fail industry, it will fail labor as well. Working days will be further shortened; wages will be further increased; old age and health pensions substituted for thrift, but will all this accomplish what the sentimentalist calls putting joy into the job? Is the coal miner going to love his work more because of more things; is the street cleaner to sing all day like Pippa?

Even the romantic economists do not advance this claim; it is the consciousness of share in the management, say they, which will make labor free. If labor could manage, perhaps. But why go round the circle with ifs? If Adam had behaved himself there might not now be any problem of labor, but such was not Adam's nature. No, it is futile to try to make men love being laborers; they must love being men. There is no use in attempting to put joy declare justice and judgment; and they | into the job, the joy must come out of life.

The Bolshevik Serum

(Translated from an editorial in his Petrograd newspaper)

By Maxim Gorky

pean revolution.

overnight.

### Books

By Heywood Broun

GOTHE MOON AND SIXPENCE" (Doran Company), by W. Somerset Maugham, seems to us almost a great book. At any rate, it is the most absorbing story we have read in a year. Knowing Maugham previously entirely from his plays, we thought of him as a facile twaddler in mildly satiric romance. "Our Betters," which departed from this mood, was a shilling shocker of high society life not much above the standard of the Hattons. But "The Moon and Sixpence" is not only brilliantly written but also goes upstream against the conventional current of Anglo-Saxon fiction. All our romanticists and most of our realista have found common ground in urging the belief that sex is the one great driving force of the world. We have been told again and again that men write books, or win battles, or explore dark continents, or swear off

drinking for the love of woman The romanticist may insist that this force be called love and the realist suggest "sexual desire" as a substitute, but their difference in viewpoint is partly one of terminology Maugham in his new book notes an exception and writes of a man upon whom the influence of love is negligible and the influence of lust merely incidental. His here is Charles Strickland, a great artist, whose one consuming desire in the world is to paint. We find him at the beginning of the book a middle-aged stockbroker with a wife and two children. Suddenly he disappears, leav ing a note to say that he will not come back He is traced to Paris and a friend of th family is sent to persuade him to retur Everybody thinks that, of course, he pursuing some affair, but the only explana tion he will give is, "I want to paint."

Investigation proves that this is the correct explanation. When the emissary from the family remonstrates and points out to Strickland that with his late start he has only a slight chance of ever being anything more than a third rate artist, Strickland calls him a foel and says, "I tell you I've got to paint. I can't help myself. When a man falls into the water it doesn't matter how he swims, well or hadly; he's got to get out or else he'll drown."

It would be unfair to tell the story in any detail, for it is full of surprising turns, and yet each of these is recognized as convincing and just as soon as it happens. Almost to the very end of the book is mercilessly logical There is, we think, one serious blunder allows Strickland to show for an instant glint of feeling for the native woman w whom he is living. It may be that Maughan feared that the readers would begin to the of Strickland as demoniac to the point of unreality, but we never found that feeling no matter how cruel and unfeeling the ma

Although a thoroughgoing egotst, he was

the country are destroyed. the "government" of the experimenting

first. When the working class of Russia is

thus killed off the best forces of hope for

faith of the Russian working class. As long as I am able I will repeat to the Russian working class:

are being used as material for an inhuman | ing except love they've given it a mid-caexperiment. In the eyes of your leaders you | lous importance. They want to personnle still are not human!"

### But ThereWas No Peace

(From The Manchester Guardian)

but a human being, possessing his own will. Xenophon was, I suppose, writes a corre-The city worker is less dependent upon the spondent, the real father of the league of elements of nature than the peasant. What nations. At least, in a report on the Attithe peasant produces he either consumes or can budget, he formulates a wish that war sells; his energy returns to earth, as it were. might be suppressed and proposes to his What the workingman produces remains upon colleagues the creation of a Ministry of earth and adorns nature's handiwork; it puts Peace. Generally speaking, of course, the ancients regarded war as an inevitable evil, so that his action was all the more remarkgreat difference in the psychology between able. Other ancients seem to have had the peasant and the worker, and I consider glimmerings that peace might be a good the class-conscious workingman as the aristothing. A third century historian, Vopiscus, utters the following cry of joy: "Now that Aristocracy within the democracy-such is the Emperor Probus has conquered the barthe position of the workman in our peasant | barians, there will never be any more war!" country, and thus the workman must con- We seem only lately to have heard someceive his position. Unfortunately, however, thing of the kind in Europe. With the he does not yet have this conception of himtruce of God we come to the end of peace conceptions in general, and until the eigh-It must be clear to every one that I ap- teenth century only the moralists, such, for praise highly the importance of the work- instance, as Bossuet, seem really to deplore ing class for the cultural development of war. It is possible that the prophets who Russia, and I have no reason to change this are always declaring that war is inevitable viewpoint. Besides, I love the workingman; have something to do with its coming, and I have in common the bond of blood with for them might be recommended a passage him. I love and respect his work. Finally, of Diodorus: "In India at the beginning of each year philosophers assemble and pre-The people's commissaries laugh at dict droughts, rains, plagues and anything these words, but that does not change that concerns the people. If they are wrong hings. Yes, I love my Russia with a love in their prophecies they are condemned to that is painful and protecting. . . . I love | remain dumb all the rest of their lives!"

### All Concrete (From The Manchester Guardian)

From the peace conference it turns out develop all its powers and abilities. When that nobody very much wants the island of I think that the revolution has in it the Helgoland. If left to itself Helgoland will possibilities to give Russia a chance at free labor and at untrammelled development my in course of time disappear. The sea is heart swells wth hope and joy even in these rapidly eating it up, and under the German occupation its existence on the map has Right here, however, begins the line of been largely preserved by the construction of more and more sea works and sea walls. decisive and irreconcilable difference between myself and the insane activities of These facts were duly brought up at the peace conference. When they had been I believe that the ideal Maximalism is thoroughly explained a silence fell upon the quite useful for the uncontrollable Russian assembly, which was due partly to deliberation and partly to boredom. It was broken at last by some innocent person who, merely to keep the wheels of discussion proceeding and meaning no harm, asked But the practical Maximalism, the anwhether any one had any concrete proposal archo-communism of the visionaries at the | to make: "I thought you said," said Mr. Smolny Institute, is destructive to the coun-Lloyd George, "that it was all concrete." try, and especially to the working class.

### A Note of Gratitude (From The Columbia (S. C.) Record)

learned bacteriologist inoculates with ty-If the Kaiser is exiled to Java, as sugphus bacilli in order to obtain from its blood gested, to relieve the Dutch from the embarrassment of extradition, we'll confine our The reformers of the Smolny Institute are | drinking thereafter to Mocha pure and uncalmly sacrificing Russia to their fantasy | adulterated.

HINK of it! Our revolution is alleged | not concerned with Russia. They are | the latter part of the book, when the author to have been made either with Jap- of a world revolution, or at least a Euro-Under present conditions of life in Russia a genuine revolution is unthinkable. You cannot change the 85 per cent of Russia's peasant population, with its ten million foreign speaking nomads, into Socialists showed himself in all human relationship The working class more than any other class of our population will have to hear also a passionate idealist. He sought the brunt of this insane experiment. The | beauty with the intensity with which some working class is the advance guard of the men seek truth, and he was ruthless is revolution, and in a civil war it will be the | brushing aside all things which hinde

working class which will be sent into fire him in his search. When he is represented for his bitter cruelty to a woman who loved him he exclaims: "I don't want love. I haven't time for I am quite indifferent as to what epithets | it. It's weakness. I am a man, and some will be applied to me for my attitude to times I want a woman. When I've satis visionaries, but I am not indifferent to the | I can't overcome my desire, but I hate it; it imprisons my spirit; I look forward to the time when I shall be free from al desire and give myself without hindrance "You are being led to destruction. You to my work. Because women can do noth-

us that it's the whole of life. It's an is significant part. I know lust. That's nor mal and healthy. Love is a disc Women are the instruments of my pleas ure; I have no patience with their claim to be helpmates, pariners, companions

person in this tirade and yet we think that anybody who rends "The Moon and Sixpence" will find him an engrossing figure, nor will they be able wholly to deny sympathy to this man in his search to express "some state of soul" in his work, The first person narrator who tells the story of Strickland admits that he was puzzled when he saw Strickland's pictures. "My first feeling was that they might have been painted by a drunken cab driver." Later he learns the significance of the man's art, which is not fully recognized until after his death, and the narrator com ments on the difficulty of the transmission

of ideas from man to man in any medium "Each one of us is alone in the world," he writes. "He is shut in a tower of brass and can communicate with his fellows only by signs, and the signs have no common value, so that their sense is

vague and uncertain." "We are," he adds, "like people living in a country whose language they know so little that, with all manner of beaut ful and profound things to say, they ar condemned to the banalities of the con versation manual. Their brain is seething with ideas, and they can only tell that the umbrella of the gardener's aunt

### Odd Jobs

To the Editor of The Tribune.

is in the house."

Sir: I was "in the army during the recent war" and I "know that there were many men who were there who received very good salaries in civil life." And I also am sure that these are just the men who, if they did not have a job such as they had before the war would have the brains to "cut grass" while looking around for a real job, instead of selling their medals.

I think any man who had it in him to win a medal in this war, and also a great number of other soldiers, would much rather take a grass-cutting job or any other odd job that affords an opportunity to make an honest living while he is an the outlook. for a better job, than sell his medal or go

Of course, you will always find men who think odd jobs are beneath their dignity. but I am willing to bet that men who think thus are, nine cases out of ten, not those "who received very good salaries in civil life." And here I offer my thanks and best wishes to your correspondent, Mr. Nevin, for putting a good idea before the soldiers.

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